

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
October 20, 2014 at 7p.m
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: Cynthia Hyde and Jon Stantz, Dean Bruce.

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Attorney John McKay, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, and Chief Marshal Richard Foutch.

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Mike Harvey was present to ask a question about zoning which includes 269 N. Fletcher Avenue. Specifically, he wanted to know what the zoning was for this area, and whether there was approval for a parking lot to be built across the Chevrolet dealership. Sheila Reeves and the Clerk-Treasurer agreed to do some research on the zoning for this.

John Schrock requested an event registration approval on behalf of the Owen County Art Guild. His request was for a street closure for Cooper from Montgomery to West Street. It was brought to his attention that the Tivoli already had a request approved by the Council to use that street for their event which included hay rides. He said he would get in touch with Dana Beth at the Tivoli and coordinate the Art Guild plans with the Tivoli's.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the event registration contingent upon coordination with the Tivoli event. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Sheila Reeves addressed the issue regarding the permit requirements addressed at the prior meeting by the Dillingham's. She stated that there was a request by them to waive or reduce the permit fee in order to incent the replacement of sidewalks. She also addressed the issue of whether or not the required inspections took place, and if there was documentation for this. She stated that there was a report by Bobby Bandy, but the Dillingham's were not required to sign off on it. It was suggested that in the future, all inspections have sign-off by both parties. Jon Stantz also commented that the Town should be responsible for all corners so that they are ADA compliant.

Next, Sheila Reeves asked if the Council would be available on November 17th at 6:00pm to review the applications and make selection for interviews for Building.. They agreed to this date.

Sheila also asked that Richard Lorenz update the current ordinance for Building permits as discussed, and to request signatures for both parties on the inspection forms.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch reported on Police Dept. matters. He reported that Officer Sips will be out of work for six to nine weeks for an injury not sustained at work. Also Reserve Officer Jacobs has turned in his resignation. He said since he was the rifle instructor, that he would send Officer Matt Miller to be trained in this. He requested the Board accept the resignation.

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Jacobs. The motion was seconded and passed.

Officer Foutch reported that he would transfer vehicle #6 to the Street Dept for use by Larry Parrish.

Foutch asked for approval for purchase of a new radar unit from Owens Communications in the amount of \$1,635.00.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of the radar unit. Motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish reported that he would like to begin ordering sand from Prairie Materials out of Bloomfield. He stated that he could have it delivered, less than he purchased and picked up from Rogers in the past.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve purchase of 300 tons of sand from Prairie Materials for the upcoming winter. Motion was passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on maintenance and operations.

He reported that they have a problem with the lift station on Maple, which is the oldest one in town. He said he would bring an estimate to repair to the next meeting.

John Hodge and Cheryl Moke both suggested that the Town be the responsible party for repairing sewer cleanouts. These are located on customer property, and get sheared off by lawn mowers from time to time. John Hodge said that sometimes these don't get repaired which presents problems and the cost for him to repair is only about \$10-\$15. The cost of the repair can be added as an adjustment to the monthly bill. He said he would prefer handling this himself, to make sure it gets done right. Cynthia said to run it by Richard Lorenz to make sure this will not present any problems, first.

IN THE MATTER OF ZONING AND PLANNING

A reorganization meeting will be scheduled after the first of the year.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

John McKay presented Ordinance 2014-07, TO VACATE CERTAIN ALLEYWAYS, DECLARING ONE-WAY ALLEYWAYS, AND CLOSURE OF ENTRANCES/EXITS TO CERTAIN BUSINESSES ON AND ALONG MORGAN STREET/SR46/SR67. Before there was a motion to approve the ordinance questions and comments were taken from the residents and business owners. After clarifications were made, Dean Bruce proposed that the word "alley" be inserted to the section under **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, item 2, That the Spencer Town Board hereby declares that the "alley" entrance/exit adjacent to Morgan Street....

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the Ordinance 2014-07 with the additional word as described above. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, Mr. McKay presented Ordinance 2014-08, CREATING THE TOWN OF SPENCER REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. The board agreed to table this until they had additional time to review and discuss with Mr. Lorenz.

Next, the opening of bids for the property located at 40 W. Clay took place. One bid was received from Mike Sudol in the amount of \$15,002. The minimum on the site was set at \$12,500.00.

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the bid, and it was seconded and passed.

Next, there was a request by Owen County Public Library regarding the possibility of renovations and additions to their existing facility. This would include vacating an alley which lies between two properties. It was determined that utility lines exist in the alley, but it was decided to table this until the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Thurston had a suggestion about adding equipment that would automatically turn all lights in town red when there was an emergency run.

He also asked about snow emergency parking. He was told it exists in ordinances, but sometimes it is hard to enforce because the town has so much street parking by residents.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for approval.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the claims as presented. It was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

John Stantz motioned to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Cynthia Hyde, President

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Dean Bruce, Board Member

Attest: _____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer